

# VA *Educational Benefits*

HQMC-Lifelong Learning

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# Chapter 32 Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP)



- Entered active duty after December 31, 1976 but before July 1, 1985
- Contributed between \$25 - \$100 per month prior to April 1, 1987 with a maximum contribution of \$2,700
- Government matched fund \$2 for \$1, for \$8100 max
- Contributions are refundable
- 1<sup>st</sup> open window to convert to Chapter 30 - 10/9/96 to 10/8/97
- 2<sup>nd</sup> open window to convert to Chapter 30 - 11/1/00 to 10/31/01

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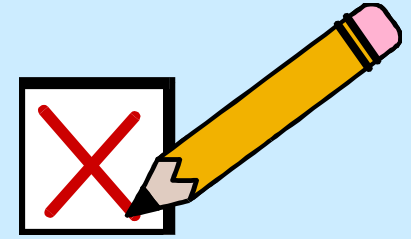
- Member must have contributed into a VEAP account between 1 Jan 77 and 30 Jun 85.
- If member has an existing VEAP account and is still on Active duty he/she can contribute \$2700 to receive the maximum educational benefit.

# Chapter 30 MONTGOMERY GI BILL

## Effective July 1, 1985

- Optional participation in the GI Bill
- Contribute \$100 per month for 12 months
- Total cost = \$1,200
- Receive 36 months of full-time educational benefits now worth \$28,800
- Contribution is not refundable
- Contribution is not taxable
- Benefits ***expire*** 10 years after **separation from active duty**

# MGIB Eligibility Requirements

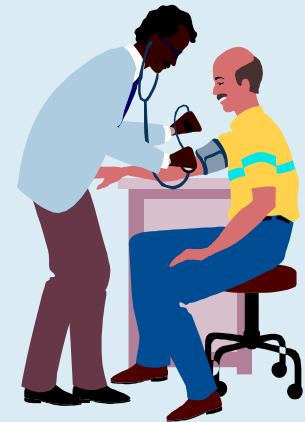


- High school diploma or GED (Completing 12 hours in a college degree program meets this requirement)
- An “Honorable” Discharge (*Note: a “General” Discharge will make you ineligible for the Montgomery GI Bill*)
- Election to participate (DD Form 2366)
- Complete two years active duty

# Early Separations

**A discharge or release for one of the following reasons could result in a reduction of the required length of active duty:**

- ◆ Convenience of the government
- ◆ Disability
- ◆ Hardship
- ◆ Pre-existing medical condition
- ◆ Medical condition that interferes with duty
- ◆ Certain reductions in force



# Early Separations Cont'd.

If you are separated from service for one of these reasons, you may still be entitled to education benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill.

In general, for each month you served on active duty, you will receive one month of education benefits.

# MGIB “BUY UP”

## ■ ADDITIONAL ACTIVE DUTY \$600 BENEFIT

- MGIB ERA ELIGIBLE ONLY (ENTER AD AFTER 30 JUNE 1985)
- EFFECTIVE 05/01/01
- MEMBER CAN CONTRIBUTE UP TO \$600
- RECEIVE UP TO \$5,400 IN EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS



# MGIB “BUY UP”

- Members may start allotments to pay into the program or contribute by a lump sum payment of \$600.
- Member **must** participate prior to leaving Active Duty.

# TA TOP-UP



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  - AUTHORITY TO USE COMBINED MGIB BENEFITS AND TUITION ASSISTANCE
  - MUST HAVE MGIB ELIGIBILITY (Converters are included)
  - EFFECTIVE DATE 11/01/00
  - UP TO 36 mos. OF BENEFITS
  - **MAXIMUM MGIB CONTRIBUTION NOT TO EXCEED MGIB FULL TIME /RATE**

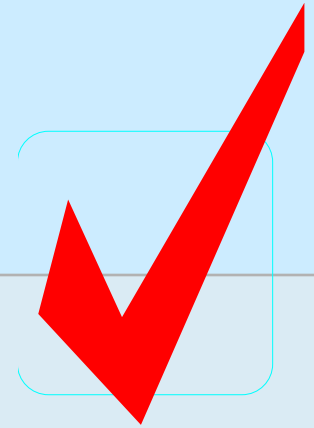
***For more information:***

***[www.gibill.va.gov/education/News/S1402summary](http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/News/S1402summary)***

# Marine Corps College Fund

- Marines that enlisted for the MCCCF may not use while on Active Duty.
- Marines that accept MECEP programs must understand that MCCCF may not be used with their MGIB while in college.
- Only MGIB benefits may be utilized while on Active Duty.

# Eligible Programs



- Undergraduate/graduate study
- Independent study/cooperative training
- Certificates/diplomas from business, technical, or vocational schools
- Apprenticeships/on-the-job training
- Correspondence study
- Flight training towards commercial license
- Alternative teacher training

# Applying for Benefits

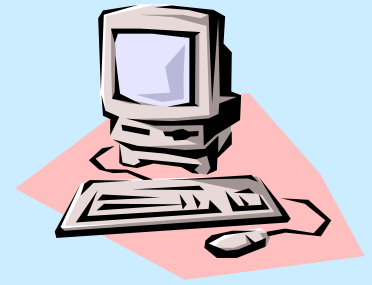


- Complete an ***Application for Educational Benefits (VA form 22-1990)***
- Furnish a copy of **DD form 214 Member Copy #4** *(Vets only)*
- Submit application and DD form 214 to the Regional Processing Office that serves college or ask the veterans advisor of the college to submit it on members behalf
- Once registered and member has paid for courses, contact veterans advisor and he/she will certify members enrollment to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs

# Important Points to Remember



- The school must be VA approved
- The VA requires you to have all prior training evaluated **within** 2 semesters of beginning your studies
- You will only be certified for classes that are **required** by your degree program
- You must make **satisfactory academic progress**
- The VA **will not** pay for repeat courses (except remedial) or non-punitive grades (i.e. W, X or I)
- You must notify the school and the VA if your address changes



## *For More Information*

**1-800-827-1000 General VA Questions**

**1-888-GI BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) Education Questions**

**VA Home Page:** *www.vba.va.gov*

**VA Education Service Home Page:**  
*www.gibill.va.gov/education*

**State Benefits:** *www.nasdva.com*

**Virginia National Guard:** 1-800-918-3929

**SMART Transcript:** *www.navycollege.navy.mil*

**Legislative updates:** *www.va.gov*

# Questions?

